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Personal

Married to Alice for 30 years. Two sons, Ian, 26, a detective and Ryan, 23, recently graduated from University of Redlands, Ca

Education

1973 – 1978 Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO
Bachelor of Science / Park and Outdoor Recreation

Professional Experience

**February 2006 to Present Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Helena, MT
Parks Administrator**

Direct responsibility for managing the Parks Division of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The division oversees 52 state park units, the fishing access site program, recreational grants and portions of the snowmobile program. The operating budget is over \$8 million per year and the capital budget is over \$5 million per biennium. The position provides policy direction and prioritizes the budget for the agency including the field staff. Presents items to the Commission for their consideration and develops and presents legislative initiatives through the Governor's office to the legislature. Serves as state liaison for state's land and water program. Maintains working relationships with a variety of partners and interest groups, including the tourism industry – specifically the Tourism Advisory Council, historical preservation groups, outdoor recreation interest, sportsman and landowners.

**2003 – Nov 2004 Colorado State Parks Denver, CO
Deputy Director**

Direct responsibility for the day to day operation and management of the Colorado State Park system consisting of 43 park and recreation areas. Oversee an annual \$50 million operations and capital budget. Directly supervise the agency's Leadership Team: Chief of Field Operations, 2 Regional Director's, Chief Financial Officer, Marketing Director and Administrative Assistant. Coordinate legislative agenda with the Governor's office and legislative leadership in the General Assembly. Provide guidance and agenda for five-member Park Board, which are appointed by the Governor. Delegated hiring and firing authority. Review and approve land and water acquisition. Serve as State Liaison for the State's Land and Water Program. Maintain working relationships with a wide variety of partners and interest groups, especially, the Division of Wildlife. Conceive and implement new initiatives. Provide oversight of statewide programs (Volunteers, Boat Safety, OHV, Snowmobile and Campground Reservations, Trails and Natural Areas). Work with Park Foundation. Directed statewide strategic plans, master planning and economic benefits plan. Serve as acting Director as needed.

*Served as acting deputy director on two separate occasions (two and six-month terms)

**1984 – 2003 Colorado State Parks Fort Collins, CO
Regional Director**

Direct responsibility for the day to day operation and management of the 12 parks in the North region of Colorado. Oversee an annual operating and capital budget of approximately \$10 million. Direct supervision of: Assistant Regional Manager, Civil Engineer, Landscape Architect, Administrative Assistant and up to 10 Park Managers. Identify and prioritize needed capital expenditures to maintain park facilities. Approve all construction plans. Present items to the Parks Board. Develop partnerships with interested parties. Recommend personnel actions to the deputy director. Conduct inspections of existing parks, proposed parks and potential new land and water acquisitions. Negotiate with landowners regarding fee title acquisitions or conservation easements. Develop and maintain relationships with user groups and elected officials. Assist in implementing statewide programs and initiatives.

**1978 – 1984 Colorado State Parks Various Locations
Park Manager II, III, and V**

Worked in 3 different park units, all of which were large operations with over 1,500,000 visitors per year. Responsibilities included the hiring and supervision of seasonal staff, the supervision of full-time rangers, maintenance personnel and senior staff. Managed law enforcement, beach, campground, boat, snowmobile, environmental education, revenue, concession, customer service, garden clubs, interest groups, volunteers, interns and budget sections of park operations. Maintained Peace Officer commission.

Other Work Experience

Royal Gorge Motel: 1969-1973. Jack-of-all trades including operation of trout pond.
Colorado State Forest Service: 1974-1975. Mountain Pine Beetle and Dutch Elm crew.
Colorado State University: 1974 – 1978. Technical theater and cultural events crew.
Jax's Surplus winter of 2004 selling firearms and other sporting goods.

Professional Affiliations

Montana Park and Recreation Association
National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers representing Montana
National Association of State Park Directors
Serve on the Montana Heritage Commission
Serve on the Montana Capital Complex Advisory Committee

Selected Accomplishments

The Montana legislature approved the Governor's Access Montana Initiative resulting in an appropriation of \$10 million to acquire new parks and fishing access sites. Over half the funding has been spent on several new parks and a multitude of new fishing access sites. The money has been leveraged with many partners. The enthusiasm for the program across the state is profound.

Hired the first Heritage coordinator for a park system with over 20 cultural and historic sites.

Acquired in-holdings in First people's Buffalo Jump, Lone Pine and Alberton Gorge as well as property for a new shooting range for Glendive residents.

Re-tooled parks website to be more user-friendly and freshened up the park logo.

Completed management plans for First People's Buffalo Jump, Rosebud Battlefield (resulting in a national historic landmark designation), and the Smith River (almost complete).

Re-organized the division for better efficiency and effectiveness.

Implemented visitation and revenue reporting at the field level.

Developed the Park Ranger Opportunity for Students (P.R.O.S.) program as the first cooperative job internship with Colorado State University.

Conceived and implemented the first water leasing program in the state to benefit recreation. Many of our reservoirs are used for irrigation but as we developed better facilities the public wanted something done about low water levels.

Took the lead in the acquisition and development of 6 new parks to the system. This effort included grants of approximately \$16 million from the Great Outdoors Colorado Board (money from the state lottery).

This past legislative session (2004) successfully helped restore a 50% budget cut in general funds.

Partnered with Colorado State University, Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau and the State Tourism Board to build a State Welcome Center with office space for all tourism based entities. Provided the vision, energy and project management to accomplish the Center.

Partnered with the Division of Wildlife on fishery and habitat projects, dam repairs and construction projects, the statewide Watchable Wildlife program, visitor center displays and law enforcement efforts.

Authored the "Enterprise " report regarding the reasonable self-sufficiency of the state park system.